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SUBJ: SURINAM PLYWOOD SHIPMENT TO CUBA

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1. CUBAN SHIP "PINAR DEL RIO" LEFT PARAMARIBO NOVEMBER 20
REPORTEDLY CARRYING CARGO OF 1256 TONS OF MULTIPLEX AND TRI-
PLEX PLYWOOD SUPPLIED BY SURINAM'S BRUYNZEEL WOOD CORPORATION.
SHIP HAD SPENT ABOUT ONE MONTH IN HARBOR LOADING AND AWAITING
COMPLETION OF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS.

2. THIS IS SECOND MAJOR SHIPMENT FROM BRUYNZEEL TO CUBA THIS
YEAR. AS REPORTED IN PARAMARIBO'S A-22, EARLIER SHIPMENT OF
RAILROAD TIES AND TRIPLEX WAS NOT SATISFACTORY TO CUBANS,
WHO FOUND WOOD WAS INFESTED WITH DRY WORMS AND RETURNED IT FOR
TREATMENT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BRUYNZEEL SHOULD HAVE
SENT MOST RECENT SHIPMENT SOME TIME AGO, BUT HAD DIFFICULTY
LOCATING SHIPS. THERE IS STILL A BACKLOG OF ORDERS FOR CUBA
WHICH ARE AWAITING SHIP AVAILABILITY.

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3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: BRUYNZEEL MANAGING-DIRECTOR RECENTLY TOLD
EMBOFF THAT CUBA IS NOW BRUYNZEEL'S BIGGEST EXPORT CUSTOMER

FOR WOOD PRODUCTS. GOS IS WELL AWARE THAT TRADE BALANCE WITH
CUBA IS VERY MUCH IN SURINAM'S FAVOR AND THIS FACT CAN BE
EXPECTED TO BE AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN ANY POLICY
QUESTIONS INVOLVING CUBA WHICH MAY ARISE.
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